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MAY, 2ND DIVISION'S 5TH AND 6TH REGIMENTS LATER DID HOLD
FSB ROSS UNTIL RELIEVED BY 51ST ARVN INDEPENDENT REGIMENT.

This is the coded for DIVISION'S FIRST CAMPAIGN TO SEIZE QUE SON
DISTRICT TOWN AND FSB ROSS.

TRICT DURING LATE JULY AND EARLY AUGUST FOLLOWED PATTERN

SET EARLIER IN MAY AND JUNE. FIRST, ATTACKS IN MOUNTAINS

BORDERING QUE SON DISTRICT INFLICTED HEAVY CASUALTIES ON

ONE BATTALION OF STH ARVN REGIMENT AND A RANGER BATTALION,

FORCING OTHER THO LOWLANDS. ENEMY SEIZED OUTPOST LION,

SW OF QUE SON DISTRICT TOWN, ON 23 JULY. BY 30 JULY,

TWO OF SEVEN ARVN INFANTRY BATTALIONS FROM 2ND DIVISION

AND TWO RANGER BATTALIONS HAD BEEN RENDERED COMBAT IN
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REGIMENT, 3RD ARVN DIVISION, REINFORCED ARVN FORCES IN THE QUE SON DISTRICT DURING EARLY AUGUST. MEANWHILE, 711TH

DIVISION'S ATTACKS IN QUE SON DISTRICT WERE COORDINATED WITH WE FRONT 4'S CAMPAIGN IN QUANG NAM AREA, WITH HEAVY ROCKET ATTACK ON DANANG ON 3 AUGUST. ABE, GROUND PROBES, AND HARASSMENT CONTINUED IN QUE SON DISTRICT, COASTAL QUANG NAM PROVINCE, AND NE QUANG TIN PROVINCE. GRADUALLY NVA FORCES ISOLATED ARVN AND RF FORCES IN QUE SON DISTRICT BY MAINTAINING PRESSURE AGAINST ARVN INFANTRY AND INITIATING SCATTERED SMALL-SCALE ATTACKS. FIVE ARVN ATTEMPTS TO RETAKE OUTPOST LION, WHICH DOMINATES, AREA SW OF QUE SON TOWN, BETWEEN 24 JULY AND 15 AUGUST FAILED.

F. J. INTELLIGENCE REPORTS AND ENEMY PATTERNS

OF ACTIVITY INDICATED ENEMY WOULD CONDUCT MAJOR ATTACKS

IN QUE SON DISTRICT DURING AUGUST HIGH POINT. OTHER REPORTS

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FSB ROSS. THE SITUATION HAS APPARENTLY STABILIZED, AT LEAST
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POOR LEADERSHIP OF THE 2ND ARVN DIVISION. THE COMMANDING GENERAL, BRIGADIER GENERAL HIEP, WAS RATED AS POOR BY U.S. ADVISORS WHEN HE COMMANDED THE 1ST ARMOR BRIGADE. THE 2ND DIVISION ITSELF WAS CONSIDERED A GOOD UNIT BECAUSE OF LOW DESERTIONS AND A SEEMINGLY GOOD COMBAI RECORD AGAINST VC LOCAL FORCES. HOWEVER, THERE WAS CONSISTENT REPORTING SUGGESTING THAT PREVIOUS AS WELL AS CURRENT DIVISION AND REGIMENTAL COMMANDERS, GROSSLY EXAGGERATED OR FABRICATED OPERATIONAL CLAIMS AND MINIMIZED THEIR OWN LOSSES. XTACK OF AGGRESSIVENESS, POOR COORDINATION, FAILURE TO SUPPORT REPORT UNITS, AND COLLAPSE OF THE DEFENSE OF FSB ROSS CAN ONLY BE EXPLAINED BY PROBLEMS OF LEADERSHIP AT THE REGIMENTAL AND DIVISION LEVEL.

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